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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

17 JOSEPH MAQUADE CHESLEY,

18 Case No. 2:25-cv-00218-APG-MDC

19 Plaintiff,

20 vs.

21 CITY OF MESQUITE; and EDWARD OWEN
22 DICKIE, in his individual capacity; and JESSE
23 WHIPPLE, in his individual capacity; and
24 MICHAEL BRANUM, in his individual
25 capacity; and KAREN FIELDING, in her
individual capacity; and PAUL WANLASS, in
his individual capacity; and KEVIN PARRISH,
in his individual capacity; and DOES I-X,

Defendants.

**STIPULATION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY
DEADLINES (FIRST REQUEST)**

26 Plaintiff Joseph MaQuade Chesley (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant City of Mesquite
27 (“Defendant”), by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby submit the following
28 Stipulation to Extend Discovery Deadlines in accordance with LR 26-3 and LR IA 6-1.

29 This is the first request to extend the deadlines in the scheduling order (ECF No. 37) and
30 counsel submits that the request is brought in good faith, supported by good cause in compliance
31 with LR 26-3, addresses whether excusable neglect exists, and is not intended to cause delay.

32 **A. DISCOVERY COMPLETED TO DATE (LR 26-3(a))**

33 1. The Rule 26(f) conference was held on May 9, 2025.

34 2. Plaintiff served his initial disclosures on May 23, 2025.

1 3. Defendant served its initial disclosures on May 23, 2025.

2 4. Plaintiff served his First Request for Production of Documents to Defendant on
3 May 23, 2025.

4 **B. DISCOVERY THAT REMAINS TO BE COMPLETED (LR 26-3(b))**

5 The parties anticipate completing the following discovery:

6 1. Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's first request for production is currently due
7 July 7, 2025 (Plaintiff granted Defendant a two-week extension from June 23, 2025);

8 2. Written discovery by the parties;

9 3. Production of additional documents;

10 4. Deposition of Plaintiff;

11 5. Depositions of Defendants;

12 6. Depositions of fact witnesses;

13 7. Disclosure of experts and rebuttal experts; and

14 8. Depositions of experts.

15 **C. REASONS WHY DEADLINE WAS NOT SATISFIED/GOOD CAUSE FOR
16 REQUEST (LR 26-3(c))**

17 A request to extend deadlines in the scheduling order must be supported by a showing of "good cause" and be made "no later than 21 days before the expiration of the subject deadline." LR 26-3; *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 608-09 (9th Cir. 1992). The good cause inquiry primarily focuses on the requesting parties' diligence. *See Coleman v. Quaker Oats Co.*, 232 F.3d 1271, 1294 (9th Cir. 2000). Good cause to extend a discovery deadline exists "if it cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party seeking the extension." *Johnson*, 975 F.2d at 609. "[C]arelessness is not compatible with a finding of diligence and offers no reason for a grant of relief." *Id.*

25 Moreover, any request made after the 21-day period will only be granted if "the movant also
26 demonstrates that the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect." LR 26-3. "'Excusable
27 neglect' is a flexible, equitable concept but 'inadvertence, ignorance of the rules, or mistakes
28 construing the rules do not usually constitute 'excusable' neglect.'" *Williams v. McCoy*, No. 3:22-

1 CV-00376-CLB, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7406, at *3-4 (D. Nev. Jan. 16, 2024) (quoting *Kyle v.*
 2 *Campbell Soup Co.*, 28 F.3d 928, 931 (9th Cir. 1994)).

3 “In determining whether neglect is excusable, the Court must consider the following factors:
 4 (1) the danger of prejudice to the opposing party; (2) the length of the delay and its potential impact
 5 on the proceedings; (3) the reason for the delay; and (4) whether the movant acted in good faith.”
 6 *Id.* at 4 (citing *Bateman v. U.S. Postal Service*, 231 F.3d 1220, 1223-24 (9th Cir. 2000)).

7 **1. Good Cause**

8 Here, the parties submit that good cause exists to extend discovery deadlines. Defense
 9 counsel for the City recently substituted in the case on June 20, 2025 (ECF 40) and the individual
 10 defendants have not yet been served. Defense counsel for the City has agreed to accept service for
 11 Defendants Dickie, Whipple, Fielding, Wanlass and Parrish, but Defendant Branum will be
 12 appearing through separate counsel and current counsel cannot speak for him. New counsel needs
 13 additional time to obtain the file from prior counsel, and then to engage in discovery on the merits
 14 of the case.

15 **2. Excusable Neglect**

16 Excusable neglect exists in this matter as to the deadline for amending parties/adding
 17 pleadings. With new defense counsel and new defendants (who haven’t been served), the parties
 18 had not had sufficient time to determine what further amendments are appropriate to the pleadings.
 19 There is no prejudice to either party since both parties are in agreement of the proposed extension.
 20 *See Bateman*, 231 F.3d at 1223 (first factor). There is no trial date impacted, as one has not yet been
 21 set. The parties acted diligently in determining that this extension was necessary and in submitting
 22 same to the Court. Finally, the Parties are acting in good faith. *Id.* The extension sought is due to
 23 Defense counsel’s recent retention, working with client to confirm representation of new defendants
 24 in the action, and deadlines quickly approaching. In sum, the factors this Court is to consider support
 25 a finding of excusable neglect.

26 **D. PROPOSED DISCOVERY SCHEDULE (LR 26-3(d))**

27 The parties request that the current deadlines in the scheduling order (ECF No. 37) be
 28 extended as follows:

1	Description	Current Deadline	Proposed Deadline
2	Discovery Cut-Off	10/01/2025	12/01/2025
3	Deadline to Amend Pleadings and Add Parties	07/03/2025	09/02/2025
4	Expert Disclosures	08/04/2025	10/03/2025
5	Rebuttal Expert Disclosures	09/03/2025	11/03/2025
6	Dispositive Motion Deadline	10/31/2025	01/09/2026 (post holiday)
7	Pretrial Order, including Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) Pretrial Disclosures and any objections thereto	11/01/2025 (this deadline is stayed if a dispositive motion is timely filed until thirty (30) days after the ruling on the dispositive motion or until further order of the Court.)	01/09/2026 (this deadline is stayed if a dispositive motion is timely filed until thirty (30) days after the ruling on the dispositive motion or until further order of the Court.)
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12 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

13 DATED this 30th day of June, 2025.

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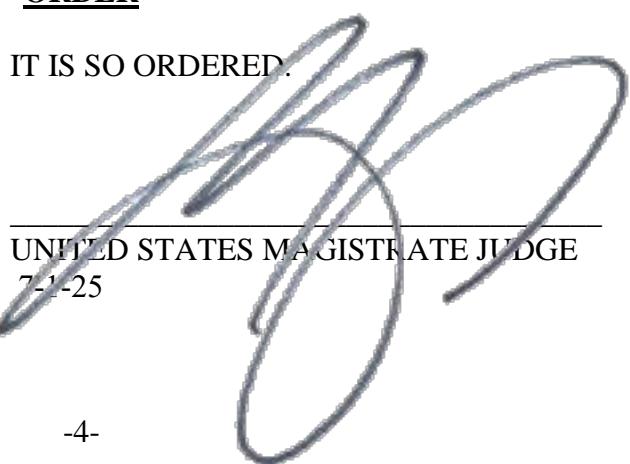
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22 **ORDER**

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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